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SUBJECT: Removal Site Evaluation for the Barth Smelting Corporation Site, Newark, Essex

County, New Jersey

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I. INTRODUCTION

In September 2012, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) began an evaluation of the Barth Smelting Corporation Site (Site) in Newark, New Jersey for a Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) removal action.

The Site is a former secondary copper smelting facility that also produced brass and bronze ingots and worked with non-ferrous metals. Prior operators at the site property include General Lead Batteries, a manufacturer of lead acid batteries, and the New Jersey Zinc Company, a former zinc smelter. The Site has since been sold and is now currently home to a maritime cargo securing company. A playground and residential dwellings now located on and adjacent to the Site are of particular concern for this removal site evaluation (RSE).

Soil sampling conducted by EPA as part of the RSE indicates there has been a release of lead, a CERCLA-designated hazardous substance, at the Site that poses a substantial threat to the public health and the environment, particularly to the residential child-aged population. Based on the available information, a time-critical CERCLA removal action is warranted to address lead contamination in soils at the Site.

II. SITE CONDITIONS AND BACKGROUND

A. Site Description

1. Physical location

The former Barth Smelting Corporation was located at 99 Chapel Street, Newark, New Jersey (see Figure 1). The Site includes the historic footprint of the former Barth Smelting Corporation facility (Block 2442, Lots 10, 11, 12) and the extent of lead contamination adjacent to the former facility, including a playground and grassy area adjacent to the community building on the Newark Housing Authority (NHA) Terrell Homes property located at 59-97 Chapel Street (Block 2442, Lot 1) (see Figure 2). Maps indicating the site boundaries are included in Appendix A.

The Site is located in a mixed residential/industrial neighborhood within the Ironbound Section of Newark, Essex County, New Jersey. The Site is bounded to the north and west by the Passaic River and the Essex County Riverfront Park and to the east by Chapel Street. The southern portion of the Site is located in the Terrell Homes, a low income residential housing complex operated by the NHA.

The Ironbound Section of Newark is the most densely populated neighborhood in a densely populated city, with housing stock mostly consisting of multi-story tenements and row homes. The Ironbound consists of four square miles within the East Ward of Newark and is bounded geographically by the Passaic River, the Newark Liberty International Airport, and Newark Penn railroad station. This neighborhood in Newark is a recognized Environmental Justice community with many disadvantages including poverty and crime.

2. Site history

The New Jersey Zinc & Iron Company, also known as the Newark Zinc Works, formerly operated on the properties now occupied by 99 Chapel Street Partners, the Newark Housing Authority's Millard E. Terrell Homes (Terrell Homes), and Essex County Parks Department (see Figure 3). The Zinc Works was one of the first commercial zinc oxide plants in the United States and operated on this location from 1848 to 1910. When New Jersey Zinc and Iron Company closed, the buildings were demolished. At some point after the closure of New Jersey Zinc, the property was sub-divided into five lots (Block 2442, Lots 1, 3, 10, 11, and 12) and was acquired by various parties.

In the 1930's, General Lead & Battery, a manufacturer of lead acid batteries, operated on Block 2442, Lots 10, 11, 12 (generally identified as 99 Chapel Street) that were formerly owned by New Jersey Zinc & Iron Company. From 1946 to 1982, Barth Smelting Corporation operated on the same three lots producing brass and bronze ingots and non-ferrous metals and alloys. Barth Smelting was listed as an unrecognized battery lead smelter site in a paper titled "Discovering Unrecognized Lead Smelting Sites by Historical Methods" written by William Eckel et al, and published in the American Journal of Public Health, April 2001, however

several resources exist labeling Barth Smelting as a secondary copper smelting facility. Currently, Portwide Container, a cargo securing company, operates on this property. In 1946, the Millard E. Terrell Homes, a low-income family development with 275 units, were constructed at 59-97 Chapel Street (Block 2442, Lot 1), a property formerly occupied by the New Jersey Zinc & Iron Company. The residential public housing complex is currently home to 784 occupants. Occupancy of public housing at all Newark Housing Authority properties is dictated by income, with preferences for elderly, disabled and DYFS (Division of Youth and Family Services) referrals.

The portion of the New Jersey Zinc & Iron Co. facility which has a street address of Rear 59-97 Chapel Street (Block 2442, Lot 3) has been mostly used for industrial purposes, after operations at the zinc smelter ceased. The Standard Bitulithic Company owned and operated an asphalt plant on this property from 1919 until 1982. Palmer Industries purchased this property in 1982 for use as a ship container storage facility. At the time of purchase by Palmer Industries, the Site was undeveloped and remained undeveloped until the Essex County Improvement Authority (ECIA) claimed ownership of the property through eminent domain. The property has since been developed as a public park that opened on May 30, 2012, and includes a soccer field and a baseball field with synthetic grass surfaces, tennis and basketball courts, a passive meadow, walking paths, two playground areas, a sprinkler park and a small parking area along the waterfront.

Historic Sanborn Maps have been included in Appendix B.

3. Previous work relevant to this RSE

Between December 3 and 6, 2012, EPA's Region II Pre-Remedial Program collected soil samples from the playground area on the northern edge of the Terrell Homes property, from two residential properties situated across Chapel Street from the former Barth Smelting Corporation facility, and from two background locations. A total of 23 soil borings were installed across the playground area to a depth of two feet below ground surface (bgs). Two soil borings were installed in each residential backyard and two soil borings were installed in each background location. Five soil samples were collected from each soil boring at the following depth intervals: 0-1", 1-6", 6-12", 12-18", and 18-24" bgs. All soil samples were sent for laboratory analysis for Target Analyte List (TAL) metals plus mercury and tin.

The playground was divided into three areas according to use. The "immediate playground area" defined the area of the playground where play equipment was located, the "western playground area" is situated immediately behind the trash dumpsters to the west of the playground equipment, and the "eastern playground area" is where tenants of the Terrell Homes tend to gather, as evidenced by the lawn chairs noted beneath a tree near the fence line.

All three areas of the playground were found to have elevated levels of lead present within the surface soils (0-6" bgs depth interval) that exceeded EPA's residential soil screening level of 400 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg). The highest lead concentration present in the playground was found at the 18-24" depth interval (8,920 mg/kg). A soil sample collected

from the eastern playground area had a lead concentration of 6,030 mg/kg in the 0-1" depth interval.

Elevated lead levels were also found in both Chapel Street residential backyards sampled. Concentrations of lead were found on the private residential properties ranging from 117 mg/kg to 8,770 mg/kg. The average lead concentrations at each depth interval (0-1", 1-6", 6-12", 12-18", and 18-24" bgs) was 743 mg/kg, 309 mg/kg, 2,492 mg/kg, 271 mg/kg, and 436 mg/kg, respectively.

Background soil samples were collected from Lincoln Park located at Broad Street and Clinton Avenue in Newark, and at the Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary located in Kearny, New Jersey across the Passaic River in an upwind direction from the former Barth Smelting Corporation facility. Four soil borings were installed in the background locations; two in Lincoln Park and two in the Redemptoris Mater Seminary. Soil samples were collected from each boring at the following depth intervals: 0-1", 1-6", 6-12", 12-18", and 18-24" bgs. Soil samples collected from Lincoln Park had an average concentration of lead in the top 1" of soil of 587 mg/kg, with decreasing concentrations of lead found in the increasing depth intervals. All soil samples collected at the Seminary had concentrations of lead less than 400 mg/kg.

4. Site assessment activities/observations

Terrell Homes

A small recreational playground utilized by the Terrell Homes residents is located immediately adjacent the former Barth Smelting facility on the northeastern portion of the Terrell Homes property. A concrete wall is situated along this property line. EPA soil sampling performed in December 2012 identified elevated levels of lead in the surface soils (0-2' depth interval) of the playground exceeding EPA's residential soil screening level of 400 mg/kg. The average concentration of lead in the soils at the one inch depth was 1,127 mg/kg. Lead concentrations ranged from 103 mg/kg to 8,920 mg/kg, with the highest concentration detected in the western grassy area behind the dumpsters in the 12-18" bgs depth interval.

On February 19, 2013, EPA met with representatives from the NHA to discuss actions to be taken to restrict access to the playground area. Terrell Homes had suffered significant water damage during the storm surge associated with Hurricane Sandy, and subsequent cleanup of the property depleted funding available for this property. EPA assistance was requested to install a temporary chain link fence to restrict access after the playground equipment was removed by the NHA on February 20, 2013.

On February 20, 2013, verbal authorization was received to conduct an emergency removal action at the Terrell Homes. Temporary six-foot high chain-link fencing was installed around the playground perimeter on February 21, 2013 to restrict access to the contaminated soils present in the playground area.

EPA returned to the Terrell Homes in the spring of 2013 to collect soil samples from the entire property in a 100 x 100' grid to determine if historic operations conducted adjacent to and on this property had impacted the soil. A total of 208 soil samples were collected from 39 soil borings installed throughout the Terrell Homes property from March 29 to April 1, 2013. Soil samples were collected from each boring at the following depth intervals: 0-1", 1-6", 6-12", 12-18", and 18-24" bgs. All soil samples collected were sent to a laboratory for TAL Metals plus mercury and tin analysis. The results of this soil sampling are documented in Weston Solutions, Inc.'s Final Soil Sampling Trip Report for the Barth Smelting Site – Property P002 (Terrell Homes), Newark, New Jersey dated July 29, 2013.

Lead concentrations exceeding EPA's residential soil screening level of 400 mg/kg were found within the top two feet of soil within a grassy area immediately adjacent to the community building which serves as a recreational area for the Terrell Homes residents and contains a basketball court and a sprinkler park area. The highest concentration of lead found in the top one inch of soil in this location during the March/April 2013 sampling event was 1,600 mg/kg.

On May 9, 2013, EPA met with representatives from the NHA to discuss the results of the March/April soil sampling event, and to determine interim measures that could be taken to restrict access to the grassy area next to the sprinkler park. Following this meeting, NHA installed a temporary construction fence around the grassy area to restrict access until a more permanent temporary fence could be erected. Six-foot temporary chain link fencing was installed by the EPA on May 13, 2013 around the grassy area next to the sprinkler park. This fencing was attached to the original fencing restricting access to the former playground. A swing gate locked with a chain and padlock was installed on the fencing across an access driveway at the rear of the building to allow access for delivery vehicles and maintenance staff.

Additional soil sampling was performed May 15-16, 2013 to characterize the nature and extent of the lead present in soils within the grassy area immediately adjacent the community building and sprinkler park. A total of 154 soil samples were collected from 31 soil borings installed in this area. Soil samples were collected from each boring at the following depth intervals: 0-1", 1-6", 6-12", 12-18", and 18-24" bgs. All soil samples collected were field screened with a portable X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF), with 15 soil samples (10%) sent for confirmatory lab analysis. Elevated concentrations of lead were found along the property line and extending approximately 25' onto the Terrell Homes property. The highest concentration of lead detected with the XRF was in the 6-12" depth interval at 2,330 mg/kg, and the highest concentration of lead in the top 1" of soil was 2,327 mg/kg. The results of this soil sampling are documented in Weston Solutions, Inc.'s Final Soil Sampling Trip Report for the Barth Smelting Site – Property P002 (Terrell Homes), Newark, New Jersey dated July 29, 2013.

99 Chapel Street

On January 16, 2013, PennJersey Environmental Consulting, Inc. submitted a report summarizing historic environmental sampling performed on the 99 Chapel Street property on behalf of the property owner. According to the draft report, elevated metals are present throughout the subsurface on the property.

On March 26, 2013, EPA installed thirteen soil borings within the historic footprint of the Barth Smelting facility located on a portion of the 99 Chapel Street property. The borings were advanced to two feet bgs with soil samples collected from the following depth intervals: 0-1", 1-6", 6-12", 12-18", and 18-24" bgs. Asphalt paving was present throughout the eastern portion of the property on Block 2442, Lot 10, which sits immediately adjacent Chapel Street, and a thick subsurface concrete lens was encountered throughout the remaining portion of the property (Block 2442, Lots 11-12) at the 6-12" depth interval, with the thickness of the concrete paving varying from 6" to 12". An urban garden used by the two residents who live in an apartment located on the property was also sampled. All soil samples collected from the property were sent for laboratory analysis for TAL Metals plus mercury and tin.

Analytical results indicate the presence of elevated concentrations of lead exceeding the EPA's industrial soil screening level of 800 mg/kg in 14 soil samples. The concentrations of lead ranged from 15 mg/kg to 11,000 mg/kg, with the highest concentration of lead detected at the 12-18" depth interval. The complete results of this soil sampling are documented in Weston Solutions, Inc.'s Final Soil Sampling Trip Report for the Barth Smelting Site – Property P001 (99 Chapel Street), Newark, New Jersey dated June 12, 2013.

The paved surface on 99 Chapel Street appears to extend to the property line with the Terrell Homes based upon observations made in the field by EPA. Soil erosion and soil washout from beneath the paved surface on the 99 Chapel Street property was observed along the property boundary with the Terrell Homes.

Essex County Riverfront Park (Block 2442, Lot 3)

On June 6, 2011, PennJersey Environmental Consulting, Inc. submitted a Preliminary Assessment and Remedial Investigation Report (PA/RIR) to NJDEP for the property located at 59-97 Chapel Street Rear, Block 2442, Lot 3 in Newark, Essex County, New Jersey. According to the reports, several areas of concern were identified including elevated concentrations of metals present in historic fill material. At the time of the PA/RIR, the property was being used for industrial purposes and the elevated concentrations of metals were not addressed since they were present beneath asphalt paving.

The ECIA acquired several parcels of land in 2011, including the property at 59-97 Chapel Street Rear, and combined them to form one property for the development of recreational space, the Essex County Riverfront Park. The park encompasses 12.33 acres and is comprised of the following blocks and lots: Block 2025, Lot 2 (portion) and Lot 20; Block 2442, Lot 2 and Lot 3; Block 2473, Lot 1 and Lot 2; Block 2473.01, Lot 4; and Block 2473.02, Lot 1.

This entire property consisted of both NJDEP mapped and unmapped historic fill material, and site wide sampling demonstrated that metals are present across the property at concentrations exceeding the NJDEP's Impact to Ground Water Soil Remediation Standards. Since the property was to be developed as a county park with playground elements for children, the ECIA hired PS&S Engineering, Inc, an environmental consulting firm, to implement an NJDEP Presumptive Remedy, consisting of capping with at least two feet of

clean fill on top of a demarcation fabric across the property. Construction of the new park began in August 2011 and the park was officially opened ten months later on May 30, 2012.

Essex County Riverfront Park stretches from Brill Street to Oxford Street. It is bounded by the Terrell Homes property on the east side, the Passaic River on the north side, Raymond Boulevard on the south side and a public area along the Passaic River owned by the City of Newark on the west side. With Essex County Riverbank Park, the city greenway and Essex County Riverfront Park all now linked together, a public greenway stretching nine city blocks long stretches from Van Buren Street to Brill Street.

Private Residential Homes on Chapel Street

Not including the Terrell Homes housing complex, ten residential structures are present on Chapel Street between Lister Avenue and Albert Avenue. Most of the residential structures are multi-family dwellings that are tenant occupied. According to historical maps, most of the residential properties along Chapel Street in this one block area were constructed at the turn of the century or the early 1900's. Tenement structures are present on this portion of Chapel Street on the 1908 Sanborn map (see Appendix B).

On December 4, 2012, EPA collected soil samples from the backyards of two of the ten residential properties located on Chapel Street. The other properties were not sampled due to lack of access. Both properties are owned by the same property owner, and have undergone demolition and reconstruction within the past ten years. Based upon historical aerial photographs, the buildings present on the two lots sampled were demolished in 2006 and two new multi-family homes were constructed in their place. It was learned, from conversations with the property owner, that fill material was brought in to bring the properties up to grade during the construction activities.

Elevated lead levels are present in the top two feet of soil in both residential backyards sampled. The average lead concentrations at each depth interval (0-1", 1-6", 6-12", 12-18", and 18-24") is 743 mg/kg, 309 mg/kg, 2,492 mg/kg, 271 mg/kg, and 436 mg/kg, respectively. Maximum concentration found was 8,770 mg/kg in the 6-12" interval. It appears lead contaminated fill was utilized during the construction activities in 2006.

5. Release or threatened release into the environment of a hazardous substance, or pollutant, or contaminant

The following hazardous substance has been identified at the Site in significant concentrations:

| Substances Identified | Maximum Concentration | Statutory Source for a Hazardous Substance |
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| | | |
| Lead | 11,000 mg/kg | CWA §307(a) |
| | | CAA § 112 |

The mechanism for past releases to the environment appears to have been the Site's use in secondary zinc and copper smelting, lead battery manufacturing and possible waste disposal practices associated with these operations.

The pathways for release of lead into the environment include potential migration of lead dust in air and lead contaminated soil into the surface water. Numerous events could trigger releases, but the chief concerns at the site are wind dispersion of lead-contaminated dust and runoff of contaminated rainwater.

III. THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH OR WELFARE OR THE ENVIRONMENT, AND STATUTORY AND REGULATORY AUTHORITIES

A. Threats to Public Health or Welfare

EPA has identified conditions at the Site that meet the requirements of Section 300.415(b)(2) of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), (§40 CFR 300.415) which indicate that a removal action is necessary. Site conditions that correspond to factors that provide a basis for a removal action under Section 300.415 (b)(2) of the NCP include:

(i) Actual or potential exposure to nearby human populations, animals, or the food chain from hazardous substances, or pollutants, or contaminants;

There is a potential exposure to hazardous substances by nearby populations or the food chain. The Site includes a low-income residential housing complex that has concentrations of lead present in the surface soils at levels exceeding the EPA's residential soil screening level of 400 mg/kg.

Lead concentrations have been detected exceeding 400 mg/kg within the top one inch of soil at the playground and sprinkler park areas of the Terrell Homes, a low-income residential housing complex. The highest concentration of lead contamination in the top one inch of soil, 6,030 mg/kg, was found in the Eastern Playground area.

Direct contact with the elevated levels of lead within the top inch of soil may occur through common outdoor activities that occur on the residential property, or by tracking lead contaminated dirt inside the home. Contact with the lead contaminated soils may present a health risk to the residents, particularly young children. Both areas of the Terrell Homes property where elevated levels of lead exist, the sprinkler park and the former playground, cater to children. Children accessing these areas of the Terrell Homes could potentially be exposed to high levels of lead present within the top inch of soil.

Lead is a cumulative poison where increasing amounts can build up in the body eventually reaching a point where symptoms and disability occur. Particularly sensitive populations are women of child-bearing age, due to the fetal transfer of lead, and children. During pregnancy, lead that has accumulated in a woman's bones is removed from her bones and passes freely from mother to child; maternal and fetal blood lead levels are virtually identical. Once in the

fetal circulation, lead readily enters the developing brain through the immature blood—brain barrier. For children under the age of six, their innate curiosity and age-appropriate hand-to-mouth behavior result in bringing lead-containing or lead-coated objects, such as contaminated soil or dust, to their mouth, and thus greatly increasing their risk of exposure.

Exposure to low levels of lead is known to cause loss of cognition, shortening of attention span, alteration of behavior, dyslexia, attention deficit disorder, hypertension, renal impairment, immunotoxicity and toxicity to the reproductive organs. Other symptoms include: decreased physical fitness, fatigue, sleep disturbance, aching bones, abdominal pains, and decreased appetite.

The relationship between soil lead concentrations and the consequent impact on blood levels in children has been studied through numerous epidemiological studies. Based on these epidemiological studies, it is generally believed that persistent exposure to soil-borne lead results in an increase in blood lead levels (in children) of 1 to 9 micrograms per deciliter (ug/dl) per 1,000 mg/kg lead in soil. Although this relationship may become less robust as exposure durations decrease and soil lead levels increase, it nonetheless provides compelling evidence of the potential lead hazard associated with the excessive lead concentrations found in the soil at the Site.

Children under the age of six are especially vulnerable to lead poisoning, which can severely affect mental and physical development. Ingestion is the most common route of exposure to lead for children. In children, there is a wide range of neurological effects associated with lead exposure, some of which may be irreversible. Exposure to lead causes diminution in brain function and reduction in achievement that lasts throughout life. Some studies have found that for every 10 μ g/dl increase in blood lead level, a child's intelligence quotient (IQ) was found to decrease by four to seven points. Some of the neurological effects of lead in children may persist well into adulthood; early exposures have been linked in several studies to increased rates of hyperactivity, inattentiveness, failure to graduate from high school, conduct disorder, juvenile delinquency, drug use, and incarceration.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has determined that lead and lead compounds are reasonably anticipated to be human carcinogens based on limited evidence from studies in humans and sufficient evidence from animal studies, and the EPA has determined that lead is a probable human carcinogen.

(iv) High levels of hazardous substances, or pollutants, or contaminants in soils largely at or near the surface, that may migrate; and

Analytical data indicates that elevated levels of lead have been detected in the top two feet of soil at the playground and sprinkler park areas of the Terrell Homes. Lead has been detected in the soil at concentrations as high as 8,920 mg/kg at the 12-18" depth interval and in the top one inch of soil at concentrations as high as 6,030 mg/kg. The lead-containing soil at the housing complex can potentially become airborne and/or migrate when disturbed under dry conditions; and may migrate during heavy rain events or storm events.

(v) Weather conditions that may cause hazardous substances, or pollutants, or contaminants to migrate or be released.

Weather conditions may cause lead on the Site to migrate particularly through surface water run-off from precipitation and/or storm surge. The analytical data suggests that lead contamination has migrated outside the historical footprint of the former Barth Smelting facility onto the adjoining property perhaps through erosion, surface water runoff during rainfall events, storm surges, or earth moving activities.

Storm surges, like the one observed during Hurricane Sandy, could potentially cause contaminated soils in the playground and sprinkler areas at the Terrell Homes to migrate to other areas of the property or even inside residential units. These same storm surges could potentially aggravate the erosion of soil along the property line beneath the cap on the 99 Chapel Street property potentially causing the migration of contaminated soils onto the Terrell Homes property.

B. Threats to the Environment

At this time there is no documentation to indicate that the Site is currently having an acute impact to any sensitive environments or natural resources.

IV. EXPECTED CHANGE IN THE SITUATION SHOULD ACTION BE DELAYED OR NOT TAKEN

Delayed action will increase the potential for exposure to elevated levels of lead on the residential properties. Migration of the lead contaminated soils could occur over time increasing the overall extent of the cleanup.

V. CONCLUSIONS

The Site is considered a facility as defined by Section 300.5 of the NCP and Section 101(9) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(9). A release of hazardous substances has occurred on the Site in a quantity and concentration that may present a threat to the public health and the environment. There is a current exposure pathway existing to humans and the environment that may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health and welfare. No other party, government or otherwise, is currently available to take a timely response action to mitigate the threat.

Lead exists in surface and subsurface soils on the Terrell Homes residential housing complex at levels which exceed EPA's residential soil screening level of 400 mg/kg. Based on the high concentrations of lead in the soil in the playground and recreational areas at the Site and other use areas, the uncontrolled release of lead poses a health threat to unprotected individuals accessing the Site.

The elevated levels of lead present beneath the paving at the 99 Chapel Street property could potentially migrate onto the neighboring residential housing property (Terrell Homes) due to

the erosion of the concrete curbing along the property boundary. Evidence of potential ongoing erosion of this concrete barrier has been observed in the field.

While lead is present at concentrations exceeding the residential screening criteria of 400 mg/kg in the backyard surface soils at the two private residential homes on Chapel Street, the lead does not appear to be related to the Site. Based upon the recent construction of the homes and the grading of the properties with fill material brought in from an outside source, the lead present in the surface soils is likely unrelated to the Site.

VI. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that a CERCLA Time-Critical removal action be undertaken to address the uncontrolled release of lead at the Site. The removal action would address the unpaved portions of the Terrell Homes property that contain elevated concentrations of lead in the surface and subsurface soil. In addition, engineering controls should be implemented along the property line between the Terrell Homes and 99 Chapel Street to prevent the migration of contaminated soils from 99 Chapel Street resulting from continued erosion of the concrete curb/wall along the property boundary. The 99 Chapel Street property proper is covered with an asphalt cap and the Essex County Riverfront Park is capped with two feet of clean fill so no additional CERCLA removal activities are required on these properties.

At the two private residential properties on Chapel Street sampled in December 2012, lead concentrations have been detected exceeding the EPA residential soil screening level of 400 mg/kg within the top one inch of soil at both properties. These residential properties have elevated levels of lead outside the drip line in the top two feet of soil. The highest concentration of lead contamination in the top inch of soil found in the backyards of the properties is 818 mg/kg, however based upon historical photos and information provided by the property owner, the lead detected in the surface soil in both backyards is related to imported fill material and is not site related. As a result, a CERCLA removal action is not warranted on these properties.

Figure 1

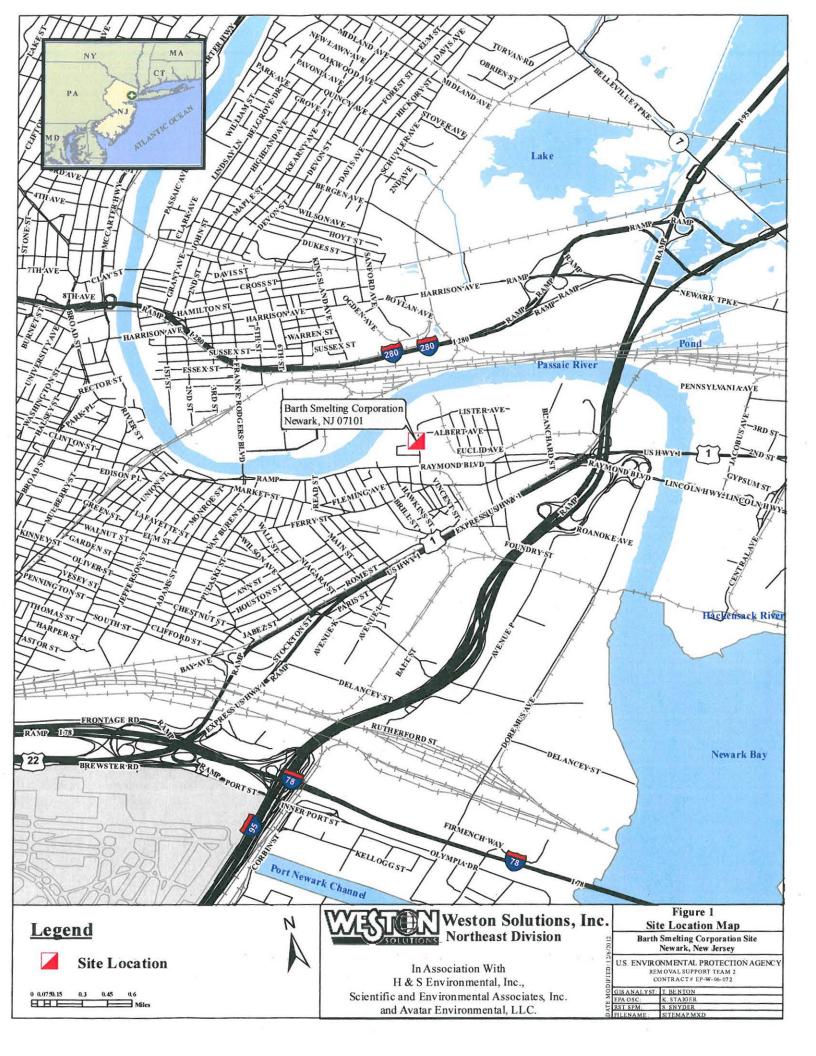


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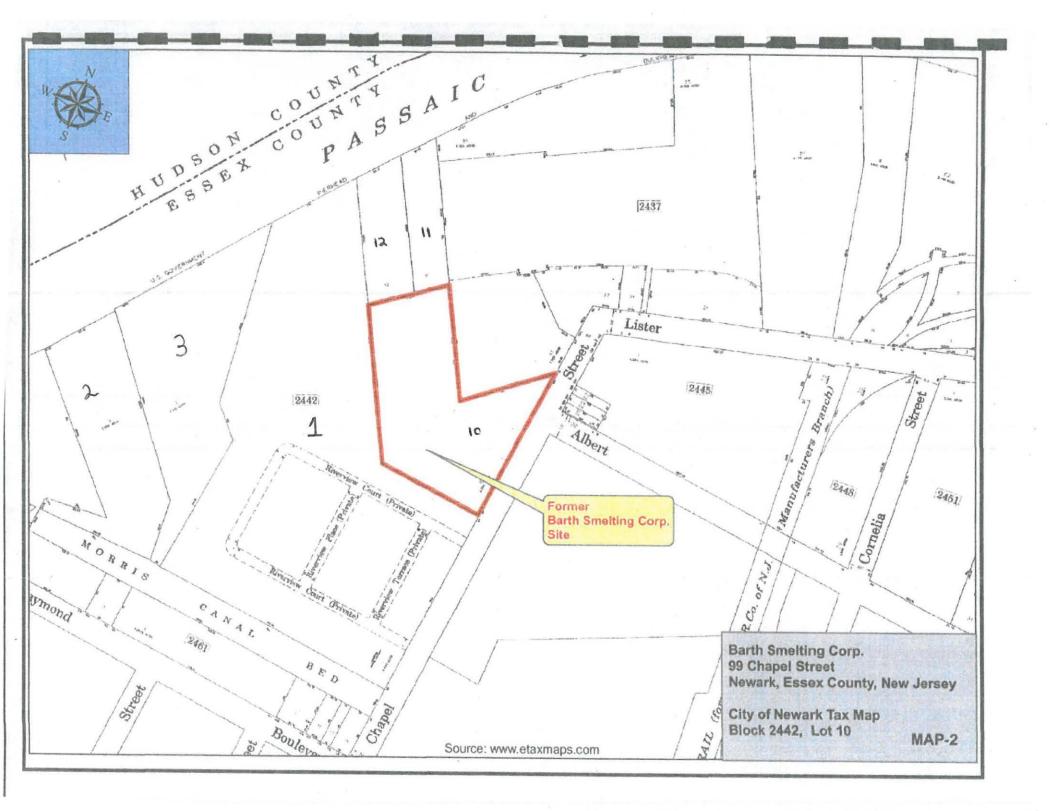


Figure 3

Historic footprint of New Jersey Zinc outlined in yellow

 Barth Smelting operated on a small parcel that was formerly part of the New Jersey Zinc operations



Appendix A
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- Shaded red area represents the Barth Smelting Site



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> Barth Smelting Corp. 99 Chapel Street Newark, Essesx County, New Jersey

Appendix A



Appendix B

